

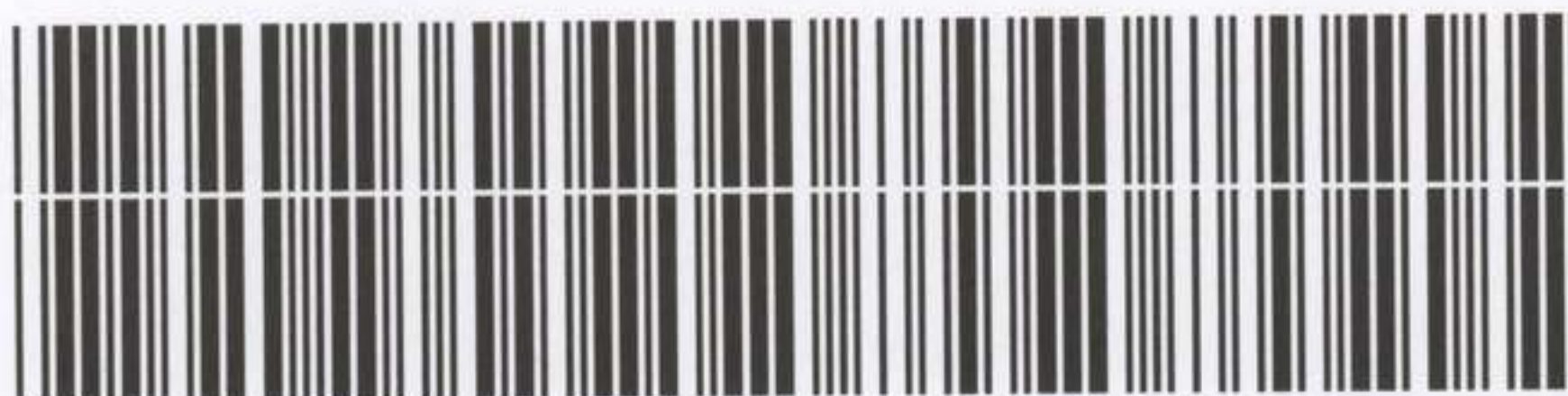
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April 1917



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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Reference map	120.000		<u>13TH AUS: INF: BDE.</u> — <u>APRIL</u>	
In front of Line	April 1		In accordance with instructions received the Bde attacked the village of NOREUIL. The attack was successful and steps were at once taken to push on towards the railway line. Bde Order N° 58 is attached marked	I
"	" 2		and report on attack is attached as appendix I. 1 Coy 49 Bn relieved 1 Coy 50 Bn in the line. The 50 Bn had suffered heavily.	II
"	" 3.		our line to be pushed forward to C 4 C 55. - C 11 D 47.	
"	" 4.		The 15 Bn 4 th Bde took over from the 52 Bn and part of the 50 Bn. The 49 Bn took over from 51 Bn. The Bde front now being held by 2 Bns. Order N° 59 attached	III
"	" 5		During the early hours of the morning the 49 Bn pushed out and secured portion of the Railway line from C 6 C 43. to C 5 central in accordance with Bde order N° 60 attached marked	IV

J. W. G.

Brigadier General

19th Infantry Division

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Little line	april 6 th		During the morning the 15 th Bn advanced to left flank establishing posts at from C18d 18. to C12a 6.3. no opposition. The Corp. & Div commanders visit the area. Summary of operations for week ending 6 th april is attached mark <u>V</u> .	<u>V</u>
"	7		The 12 th Bde relieved by parts of the 12 th and 4 th Bde who are to drive the enemy from the Hindenburg line on about the 10 th . Bde order No 61 attached mark <u>VI</u> .	<u>VI</u>
"	8		The Bde moved to the VAULX area.	<u>VII</u>
"	10		The 51 st order to move up and take over line held by 12 th Bde, 52 nd Bn to take over from 4 th Bde when these two Bde make their attack.	
"	11.		The 4 th & 12 th Bdes attacked but after heavy fighting had to come back to the original position at railway	

Brigadier General
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VAULX	April 12		The 13 Bde relieved 4+12 Bdes in front line. The 45th + 6th Bde were taken over by us, pending the arrival of the 5th Bde.	
BEUGNATRE	13		Relief of 13 Bde plus 45th Bde by 5 Bde completed. Bde order No 63 attaches marks VIII. Bde moved to the VAULX-BEUGNATRE area	VIII
	14		Bde entrains at BAPALWE by broad gauge and Beauville for BECOURT camp (near FRICOURT) and arrives there at about 8 pm. Intelligence summaries + disposition report during the period the Bde was in the front line attaches marks IX and X	IX X
BECOURT	15		Strength return attaches marks XI	XI
	15 to 18		Bde both, clean up and commence training. about 150 reinforcements arrive for the Bde during this period. Honours + remarks submitted to Division	

J. W. J. Brigadier General,
G.O.C. 12th Infantry Brigade.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beaumont	19 th		Plde less 52 Pm march to BUIRE. The 52 Pm march + LTM Bn to DERNICOURT - Plde order No 64 attacks	XII
BUIRE	20		Drawing commenced in new area, rifle ranges made.	
"	21		Inspection of transport by Gwc.	
"	25		Amzac day - Plde church parade in morning and sports in afternoon. Also drums for the queen.	
"	29		Visit by Gen. Birdwood + Div Commanders. Presentation of military medals won in recent fighting at NOREUIL.	
"	30.		Strength return attacks marks <u>XIII</u>	<u>XIII</u>

J. W. Sluggan
Brigadier General,
G. O. C. 13th Infantry Brigade,

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13th. AUST. INFANTRY BDE. ORDER No. 58.

Brigade Headquarters,
30th. March, 1917.

Reference Map 1/20,000.

The 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE will on the morning of 1st. April capture NOREUIL and the high ground North-East of it.

Zero hour will be notified later.

The 20th. Bde. on our LEFT will co-operate and capture LONGATTE.

The dividing line between the two Brigades will be along Road from C.13.c.1.1. to C.8.c.6.0. thence along low ground to C.9.b.1.7. and on to about C.5.a.0.5.

The objective of the 13th. Brigade will be the road running North-West from LAGNICOURT through C.11.c., C.11.a., C.10.b. and C.4.d. Junction of Roads at C.11.a.1.8. to be inclusive to 51st. Battalion.

The 51st. Battalion will link up with the 20th. Bde. on the LEFT. The 50th. Battalion with the 52nd. Battalion on the RIGHT.

The 51st. Battalion with its RIGHT flank on road that runs through C.15.c. and b. will attack the village in co-operation with the 50th. Battalion, whose LEFT flank will rest on Road that runs from C.22.central to C.16.a.5.5.

The 52nd. Battalion will move forward and establish their LEFT at C.11.d.1.0.

The 49th. Battalion will move up into SUNKEN ROADS North of VRAUCOURT and become the Reserve.

After securing the objective, and on the lift of the consolidation barrage, strong patrols will be pushed forward to the RAILWAY with a view to establishing posts on about that line. The posts NORTH of LAGNICOURT will then be advanced to link up with these forward posts.

Details of Artillery action will be issued at noon tomorrow 31st. instant.

A Contact Aeroplane will fly over the line about 7 A.M. when flares will be lit.

Machine Guns. O.C. Machine Gun Coy. will send 2 guns with the 51st. Battalion and 2 with the 50th. Battalion to closely support the Infantry, and will also arrange to give covering fire.

Mortars. O.C., L.T.M. Battery will place at the disposal of O.C. 50th. and 51st. Battalions 2 Mortars each.

The O.C. Advanced Guard Engineers will detail parties to accompany the 50th. and 51st. Battalions in the attack. The O.C. will remain at Brigade Headquarters.

Watches will be synchronised under arrangements to be made by Brigade Signal Officer at 6 P.M. 31st. March and 3 A.M. 1st. April.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Munell Major.

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 11 P.M.

Copy to :- 12 - 13th. F. Amb.
13 - 13th. Fld. Coy.
14 - A.D.M.S.
15 - 20th. Bde.
16 - 14th. A.I. Bde.

17. - 4th. Sqd. R.F.C.
18 - "C" Sqd. 13th. L.H.
19 - ANZAC Cyclist Det.
20 - Adv. Guard Artly.
21 - C.R.A. 2nd. App. Div.

REPORT ON ATTACK BY 13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
ON VILLAGE OF NOREUIL AND HIGH GROUND TO NORTH AND NORTH-EAST.

Reference Map attached.

The line marked A.B.C.D. was the outpost line previous to the attack.

The plan of attack was that the 51st. Battalion with their Right on Road running through C.15.b. would take the village from the South-West and co-operate with the 50th. Battalion, whose Left flank resting on Road to NOREUIL through C.16.c. and a., would make a flank attack on the Village from the South-East.

The 'jumping off' line for the attack was taped by both Units perpendicular to the line of advance.

Zero time was 5.15 A.M., and proved a most suitable hour.

The objective of the Brigade is shewn in red on sketch attached.

Reconnaissance. As the Units had been in the line some days, careful reconnaissance had been made by all concerned, and parties moved to place of assembly and taped line without the slightest hitch.

Artillery support. The barrage for the attack was carefully made out and thoroughly executed. The rate of the creep of the barrage - 100 yards in 2 minutes - was not too quick.

The attack. The Right Company of the Left Battalion did not meet much opposition in the Village, but in NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road the enemy were in force and this line was thinly wired. An enemy Machine Gun and 2 Trench Mortars were captured here. One Platoon was left to mop up, and a strong point was made at C.9.b.0.5. covering the low ground in C.9.b. and C.3.d. and protecting the Left flank. At 7 A.M. the main attacking line had reached its present position - an old German trench -. Here touch was established with both flanks. Hostile shelling and Machine Gun fire had caused so many casualties that the Company in reserve was pushed forward to the NOREUIL - LONGATTE Road.

The Right Battalion on reaching the Village Encountered Machine Guns from many places, but these were enveloped and silenced by Rifle Grenades and Bombs. Firing the rifle from the hip proved very effective in the Village.

The change of direction was successfully completed and the line moved forward, but owing to the peculiar formation of the ground and the strength of the enemy on their Right, who isolated and captured a portion of the Right Company and caused many casualties by their Machine Gun fire, they could not gain touch with the 52nd. Battalion, who had pushed forward and established their Left flank at C.17.b.1.7.

Repeated attempts by the enemy were made to get through this gap, but a Platoon from the Reserve Company thrown in prevented this. Towards evening consolidation of the whole line was completed, and as the enemy appeared to be preparing for a counter-attack, our S.O.S. barrage was put down and prevented the attack from developing. During the night of 2/3rd April, the 50th. Battalion succeeded in connecting up with the 52nd. Battalion on its Right.

It would appear from evidence in the Village that the enemy had no intention of giving it up for the present.

Communications. The 51st. Battalion pushed forward a report centre to C.9.d.; the 50th. Battalion to C.16.b., and maintained telephonic communication throughout. Wires to the report centres were not once cut. An Amplifier was placed at C.26.d.5.5. and power buzzers were taken to each forward report centre. As, however, telephonic communication was maintained, these were not used. Pigeons were taken into the attack and the first authentic message from the 50th. Battalion came by that method from the front line. Visual messages were not sent.

Contact to aeroplanes by flares gave admirable results.

Total prisoners captured were 5 Officers, 108 Other Ranks.

We also captured 5 Machine Guns, 4 Trench Mortars and a number of Pineapple Bomb-throwers, some telephones, signalling equipment and bicycles.

Our estimated casualties are 11 Officers and 340 Other Ranks.

N. Murrell Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 59.

Brigade Headquarters.

4th. April, 1917.

1. Battalions will move forward to locations as under, this evening.

Move to be completed by midnight.

Unit	To move to Area.
49th. Battalion.	Squares C.10., C.11.c., C.16.b.
15th. "	Squares C.17., C.23., C.24.
50th. "	Squares C.22., C.16.c., C.16.d.
51st. "	Squares C.9.b., C.9.d., C.15.b., C.15.d. C.16.a.
52nd. Battalion)	To stand fast.
13th. M.G. Coy.)	
13th. L.T.M.B.)	

2. Completion of move to be wired to Brigade Headquarters without delay.

3. Brigade Headquarters will close at VAULX at 6 A.M. 5th. instant, and open at NOREUIL (C.10.c.8.1) at the same hour.

A C K N O W L E D G E .

Annell Major.

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy to:-

11 - 4th. Aust. Div.	16 - 14th. A.I. Bde.
12 - 13th. Field Amb.	17 - 4th. Squadron R.F.C.
13 - 13th. Field Coy.	18 - "C" Squad. 13th. L.H.
14 - A.D.M.S.	19 - ANZAC Cyclist Detachment.
15 - 22nd. Bde.	20 - Adv. Guard Arty. 5th. Bde.
	21 - C.R.A. 2nd. Aust. Div.
	22 - 15th. Battalion.

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Copy No. 10.....

13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 60.

Brigade Headquarters,

5th. April, 1917.

1. The Brigade now holds the line C.4.d.3.8. - C.5.c.2.2. - C.11.a.5.5. - C.11.d.8.3. - C.18.c.1.9. - C.18.c.8.3. - C.24.b.5.5. - C.24.d.8.6.
2. One Company of 49th. Battalion has established an outpost line along Railway line from C.6.c.4.3. to C.5.Central.
3. The 49th. Battalion will on the morning of the 6th. instant :-
 - (i) Extend their outpost line from C.5.Central to C.4.b.7.7.
 - (ii) Move up their picquet line and establish themselves on line C.12.a.6.3. - C.5.d.0.0. - C.4.b.3.1.
- Zero hour will be notified later.
4. The 15th. Battalion will co-operate by moving their Left flank forward to C.12.a.6.3. and establish their picquet line to C.12.a.6.3. through C.12.Central - C.18.b.5.5. - C.18.d.5.5. - C.24.d.8.6.
5. The Brigade on our Left will move forward and link up with the Left flank of the 49th. Battalion at C.4.b.7.7. but care should be taken by the 49th. Battalion to adequately protect their Left flank in case the Left Brigade cannot join up.
6. Machine Guns: O.C., 13th. Aust. M.G. Coy. will send:
 - 1 gun to Railway Cutting to C.5.a.2.4. to protect the Left flank of the outpost line,
 - 2 guns to C.4.d. to cover the Left flank of the picquet line,
 - 1 gun to about C.12.a.0.5. to cover low ground at C.12.a. and b. and to cover Right flank of outpost line.
 Remaining guns in picquet line of Right flank of Brigade to move up into positions in new line when established.
7. Artillery action will be issued to all concerned later.

A C K N O W L E D G E.. *Munnell* Major.

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 4.30 p.m.

Copy to :-

12 - 13th. Field Amb.	18 - "C" Sqd. 13th. L.H.
13 - 13th. Field Coy.	19 - ANZAC Cyclist Detachment.
14 - A.D.M.S.	20 - 5th. Bde. Arty.
15 - 185th. Bde.	21 - C.R.A. 2nd. Aust. Div.
16 - 14th. A.I.Bde.	22 - 15th. Battalion.
17 - 4th. Sqd. R.F.C.	

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

For week ending, 8 a.m 6th April.

1. General. The past week has been one of general activity. The lines of resistance has been gradually pushed forward, and has now its outpost line on the railway line running from C.6.c.4.3 to C.4.b.7.7. This position brings our front almost parallel to the HINDENBURG LINE.
2. Operations (1) A successful attack on NOREUIL was made on the morning of the 2nd April. A copy of the result of the operation is attached hereto.
(British)
(Enemy) (2) At about 8 p.m on the 2nd inst. the enemy were observed preparing for a counter-attack on our newly won position. Our artillery successfully engaged them, and prevented the attack from developing.
3. Patrols. (1) Patrols have been very active, and were constantly in touch with the enemy. The defences of NOREUIL were closely reconnoitred, and when the attack was launched, the results of the patrolling proved very accurate.
(2) Enemy patrols were rarely observed. They were always working close to their own lines.
4. Machine Guns (1) Machine Guns cooperated with the Infantry attack on NOREUIL on the morning of the 2nd April. 2 Guns laid at C.17.d.2.8, maintained fire along road in C.4.c. and d. Machine Guns also went with the advance, and when the objective had been gained were immediately placed in position for defensive work. A Gun was placed in a crater at C.11.c.2.4, which commanded the approach down the gully through C.11.d and c. 1 Gun was also placed at C.9.b.4.1 - C.9.d.5.9 - C.8.c.6.5.
(2) Hostile Machine Guns were frequently used for sweeping the Areas occupied by our outpost. M.G fire was invariably used against patrols when approaching the enemy strong-posts. During the advance on NOREUIL 5 enemy M.G's were captured.
5. Trench Mortars. (1) Trench mortars were not used other than cooperating with the attack on NOREUIL. During the advance the Trench mortars assisted the 50th Battn in capturing the enemy strong-point in the Sunken Road at C.16.b.3.1.
(2) No activity by hostile trench mortars, but 4 mortars were captured during the advance, also a number of pine-apple bomb throwers.
6. Artillery. (1) a. The field artillery has been of the most valuable assistance to the infantry. Close liaison between Battalions Comms: and artillery has been possible, and living targets have consequently been numerous, and enemy's wire activities minimised. Fire was daily brought to bear on working parties new work, strong points, and suspected M.G Positions.
b. Heavy artillery continually shelled NOREUIL, and subsequent to the capture of the village, was engaged on wire cutting in front of the HINDENBURG LINE.
(2) Hostile field artillery has been mostly active on the outpost line, but seldom concentrated. Sniping with 77mm had become a common practice. The heavier artillery constantly shelled the villages of VAULX, LAGNICOURT and occasionally the Sunken Road junction.
7. Changes of The line has been advanced from C.8.c.1.1 to S.W
Divl. Front VRAUCOURT COPSE, thence C.22.b.8.7 - C.17.b.5.0 - C.18.c.6.6 to C.24.d.8.7 to a line from C.4.b.7.7. to C.6.c.4.3 - C.12.a.5.3 - C.18.c.6.6 - C.24.b.8.0 - C.24.a.8.7.
8. Casualties.

<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Hospital.</u>
142	412	150*	72

* This number is being reduced as the ground is being cleared of dead.

Nunnell. Major,
Bde. Major. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 61.

Brigade Headquarters

6th. April, 1917.

1. The 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE will take over the line from C.6. Central to U.27.d.2.4. on the night of 6/7th. instant.
2. The 3rd. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE will take over portion of our RIGHT flank as far as C.12. Central.
3. The 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE will take over portion of the line held by the 185th. Brigade to U.27.d.2.4.
4. Table of reliefs as under :-

U n i t .	To relieve	R e m a r k s .
51st. Bn.	49th. Bn.	H.Q. to be at C.10.c.7.8. To hold line from C.12. Central to C.4.b.8.6.
52nd. Bn.	A Battalion of LEFT Brigade.	H.Q. to be at C.9.d.9.4. To hold line C.4.b.8.6.- U.27.d.2.4.
15th. Bn.) 1 Sect. 4th) M.G. Coy.)		To be relieved by 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. On completion of relief to rejoin 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
13th. M.G. Coy.	Guns of LEFT Bde. in Sector taken over.	Guns in Sector from C.12. Central to C.24.d. will be taken over by M.G. Coy. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

5. On completion of relief the 49th. Bn. and 50th. Bn. will move into Areas as shewn on Sketch attached, and become the supports to the 52nd. and 51st. Bns. respectively.
6. Details of relief to be arranged between Unit Commanders concerned.
7. Completion of relief to be wired to Bde. H.Q.'rs. in Code.

A C K N O W L E D G E .

Annell Major,
Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 1.45 p.m.

Copy to:-

12. - 13th. Fd. Ambce.	18. - "C" Sq. 13th. L.H.
13. - 13th. Fd. Coy Adv.	19. - ANZAC Cyclist Detachment.
14. - A.D.M.S.	20. - Adv. Gd. Arty. (5th. Bde).
15. - 185th. Bde.	21. - 4th. A.I. Bde.
16. - 3rd. A.I. Bde.	22. - 15th. Bn.
17. - 4th. Sq. R.F.C.	23. - 12th. Bde.

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Ecoust-Stream

Railway

52nd Bn

51st Bn

49th Bn

50th Bn

Noreuil

Longpre

52nd H.Q.

51st H.Q.

50th H.Q.

49th H.Q.

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Appendix N:6

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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 62.

Brigade Headquarters,

7th. April, 1947.

1. The 13th. AUST. INF. BDE. will be relieved by parts of 4th. and 12th. AUST. INF. BDES. tonight 6 7/8th. April.
2. The 4th. AUST. INF. BDE. will take over the line from C.12. Central to C.5.a.1.4.
The 12th. AUST. INF. BDE. from C.5.a.1.4. to Cross Roads at U.27.d.2.5.
3. Troops relieving in RIGHT Sector will move by NOREUIL-VAULX Road; those in LEFT Sector by Cross Roads C.13.b.7.3. thence by road through B.24.d.- B.30. Central.
4. Table of moves as under :-

Unit.	Relieved by	On relief move to.
52nd. Bn.	48th. & 46th. Bns.	Area occupied by 16th. Bn. in main line H.11 and 12.
49th. Bn.	do. do.	Shelter Camp in H.17.a.
51st. "	14th. & 16th. Bns.	Area occupied by 14th. Bn. in main line H.11 and 12.
50th. "	do. do.	Shelter Camp in H.17.a.
13th. M.G. Coy.	12th. M.G. Coy.) 4th. M.G. Coy.)	Main line H.11 and 12.
13th. L.T.M.B.	-	do. do.

5. Brigade Headquarters will remain at VAULX.
6. G.O's.C. 4th. & 12th. Aust. Inf. Bdes. will assume command on completion of relief.
7. Completion of relief to be wired to Bde. H.Q'rs. in Code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Munnell. Major.

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 3 p.m.

Copy to:-

12 - 13th. Field Amb.	18 - "C" Sqd. 13th. L.H.
13 - 13th. " Coy.	19 - ANZAC Cyclist Detachment.
14 - A.D.M.S.	20 - 5th. Bde. Arty.
15 - 185th. Bde.	21 - 4th. A.I. Bde.
16 - 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	22 - 12th. A.I. Bde.
17 - 4th. Sq. R.F.C.	

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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER. No. 63.

Copy No. 10

Brigade Headquarters,

12th. April, 1917.

1. The 13th. AUST. INF. BDE. plus the 45th. Battalion will be relieved by the 5th. AUST. INF. BDE on the night of the 13/14th April.
2. Details of relief will be arranged by C. O's concerned.
3. Table of relief as under :-

Unit.	Relieved by.	On relief move to.	Remarks.
45th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	BEUGNATRE ARRA.	
52nd. Bn.	17th. Bn.	" "	Billeting representatives
51st. Bn.	20th. Bn.	" "	from each unit
49th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	" "	to report to
50th. Bn.	-----	" "	Staff Captain
13th. M.G. Co.	5th. M.G. Co.	" "	at 4th. Div.
13th. L.T.M.B.	5th. L.T.M.B.	" "	H. Q's, H.15.0.
13th. B.H.Q. & Sig. Sec.	5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	VAULX	3.6 tomorrow, 15th. inst. at 11 a.m.

4. Troops in the Right Sector will move via NOREUIL - VAULX Road, those in the Left Sector via Cross Roads at C.13.b.7.3, thence by Road through B.24.d - B.30. Central.
5. Completion of relief to be wired to B.H.Q.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Munce Major,

Issued at 11.45 a.m.

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy to :-

12 - 13th Field Amb.	17 - C.R.A, 4th. Div. Art
13 - 13th Field Company.	18 - 7th M.G. Coy.
14 - A.D.M.S.	19 - 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
15 - 185th Bde.	20 - 45th. Battn.
16 - 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

IX

From 8 a.m 31st March to 8 a.m 1st April 1917.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery carried out the usual shelling of NOREUIL and vicinity.

MACHINE GUNS. 500 rounds were expended on NOREUIL.

PATROLS. Communication between Battalions and with units on our flanks was maintained last night.

A patrol of 2 N.C.O's and 6 men left our lines at C.17.b.2.0 at midnight, and proceeded in an ^{east} northerly direction to the road and then moved North along road for 300 yards. An entrenched position was detected at approx. C.17.b.1.9. The patrol returned to C.17.b.6.0 at 2 a.m.

An Officers' Patrol left our lines at C.15.c.9.2 at 1 a.m, and worked in a Northerly direction along road from C.15.d.2.0 for about 400 yards. From this point movement was observed 100 yds in front. From C.15.b.9.0 to the East snipers are dug in in detached posts. The patrol returned at 2.5 a.m.

An Officers' Patrol left C.22.a.6.7 at 11.30 p.m and proceeded to C.16.c.6.1. From here a party of 3 of the enemy were seen about 50 yards ahead. A whistle was blown which was answered by another group. The patrol waited for three quarters of an hour, then returned at 12.45 a.m.

An N.C.O's patrol went out from C.17.c.2.4 at 10.15 p.m, and proceeded along road for about 200 yards. About 50 yards ahead at C.16.d.7.8; a grenade was heard to explode. Later 15 to 20 of the enemy appeared in sight, and on reaching the above mentioned point, they wheeled towards the West. They were lost to sight then. This patrol reports that our Artillery shooting at C.16.b.2.1 appeared to be hitting about C.16.b.5.1.

An N.C.O's Patrol left C.17.d.1.8 at 10.15 p.m, and proceeded due North. When at about C.17.b.2.0 the patrol was fired upon by a Machine Gun and rifles from approx. C.17.b.40.25.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O and 3 men proceeded out from C.8.c.8.2 at 3.30 a.m for about 400 yards in a Northerly direction. The patrol was fired upon by a Machine Gun apparently from the Sunken Road running through C.8.c. The patrol returned at 4.30 a.m.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery shelled our forward positions, VAULX, LAGNI-COURT, and the Sunken Roads at intervals throughout the day and night. The majority of the shelling was carried out by Field Guns.

MACHINE GUNS AND SNIPERS. These were occasionally active against movement in our lines.

AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY. 4 hostile machines were over our lines at 5 p.m.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. Working parties were observed at various times during the day in C.12.a - C.6.d - and C.17.a.

SIGNALS. At 2.14 a.m the enemy sent up 2 green flares at several points. Hostile artillery and Machine Guns immediately opened fire, particularly at points C.17.d.1.8 - C.17.c.8.4 and C.17.c.2.4.

MINES. Yesterday morning a mine exploded in a well at C.26.a.1.2, entirely destroying it.

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Brigade Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 2nd April to 8 a.m 3rd April 1917.OPERATIONS.

The new line, C.9.b.0.6 - C.4.c.3.1 - C.10.a.5.1 - C.10.b.6.2 taken up during the operation on the morning of the 2nd April was consolidated yesterday, and connection between Battalions and units on our flanks was established. The total number of prisoners taken amounted to 4 Officers and 101 O/B's. Last night a German Officer and his servant who had evidently lost their way wandered into our lines near LAGNICOURT, and were taken prisoners by the 52nd Battalion. The Officer belonged to the 9th Jaegers, and the servant to the 91st Res: Regiment.

Our artillery carried out new registration. During the day an enemy Strong Point at C.11.d.2.4 was engaged by our 18 pounders and 4.5 Hows. At 8 p.m last night, in response to a request from the Infantry a barrage was placed in front of our lines to deal with an impending counter-attack.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

At about 7.45 p.m the enemy appeared to be preparing for a counter-attack. Our artillery was notified and evidently prevented the attack developing. Hostile artillery was fairly active during the day shelling the new positions, and at intervals the roads and communications. NOREUIL was constantly shelled, VAULX only slightly.

EARTHWORKS. Newly excavated earth was observed at D.14.a.5.5.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. A good deal of movement was observed yesterday in Areas D.8.c and d, D.9.c. 5.5. Transport was seen moving along the roads in these Areas.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy machines were over our lines several times during the morning. At about 8 a.m a German plane was brought down in our lines. It alighted safely, and the 2 airmen were taken prisoners.

MACHINE GUNS. An enemy Machine Gun is suspected at D.20.a.2.2. Machine Gun fire was occasionally directed along our new forward positions.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 75.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

Worward

From 8 a.m 3rd April to 8 a.m 4th April 1917.

OPERATIONS.

During the night, the Battalions holding the Outpost Line were relieved by the 49th Battalion and the 15th Battalion. The relief was completed by 3.30 a.m of the 4th. Last night the outpost line was pushed forward, and posts were established at C.4.c.5.5 - C.4.c.9.6 - C.4.d.3.5 - C.5.c.0.2 - C.5.c.3.1 - C.11.a.6.8 - C.11.b.2.2 - C.11.d.4.7. Our artillery was fairly quiet during the day, but the 'Heavies' were registering throughout the day on the enemy's wire entanglements.

PATROLS. A patrol of 1 Officer and 7 O/R's went out from C.4.c.9.6, and proceeded in a north-easterly direction. When at about C.4.b.4.1 the patrol was fired upon by a Machine Gun from the direction of BULLECOURT. No other signs of the enemy were seen. Communication with the forward groups was maintained between Battalions.

MACHINE GUNS. The personnel and 2 Machine Guns were relieved by the 4th Aust. Machine Gun Coy last night. Present disposition of Guns, as under:-

C.18.c.4.0.
C.17.d.5.7.
C.18.c.2.8.
C.11.a.2.2.
C.11.a.0.6.
C.10.b.4.3.
C.9.b.35.25.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery shelled our forward positions lightly yesterday.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. Work could be seen being done at D.7.d.5.9 yesterday. Two white poles have been erected in this vicinity.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy aeroplanes were over our lines at interval during the day. At 7.25 p.m a hostile machine flew over our lines, and succeeded in burning 2 of our observation balloons. Two hostile observation balloons were up at this time in the direction of FONTAINE.

MINES. At 7.20 a.m a mine was blown at approx. D.7.b.4.6.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 4th April to 8 a.m 5th April 1917.OPERATIONS.

During the morning of the 5th, the Left Battalion (49th) pushed forward a company, and established itself on the Railway Cutting from C.6.c.4.3 to C.5 central. There was slight opposition from the enemy, but it was dealt with immediately. The main line taken up runs from C.11.d.5.5. to C.11.a.5.5 to C.5.c.2.2, thence C.4.d.7.3 to C.4.d.3.7 with posts in front. Communication to the forward ~~posts~~ Coy is maintained by a series of posts. Our artillery fired intermittently throughout the day and night on area D.1 and D.7. A party of about 100 of the enemy was dispersed at about C.6 central.

PATROLS. Communication between groups, and with the Right Battalion ~~was~~ and with the unit on our Right was maintained during the night.

A patrol of 2 N.C.O's and 4 men left our picquet lines at C.4.c.4.2 at 8 p.m and worked down to C.5.c.5.5, where they got into touch with the enemy, they then worked round to C.5.d.8.4, where they again encountered the enemy. Patrol returned to our lines at C.10.b.8.4 at 2.15 a.m.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery activity was confined principally to the forward positions and Sunken Roads. Sharp bursts of shell-fire were directed on to VAULX at intervals during the day.

EARTHWORKS. Newly excavated earth appears to have been thrown out at D.7.a.4.8.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. At daybreak 8 men were seen moving along at about D.13.c., and about 100 men were seen at C.6.d. These men were effectively dealt with by our guns.

AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY. 4 hostile planes flew over VAULX between 4 and 5 p.m.

SNIPERS. Snipers were active from about D.13.c.8.7.

MACHINE GUNS. Occasional bursts of M.G fire were directed along our outpost positions.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 6th April to 8 a.m 7th April 1917.

OPERATIONS.

The 51st Battalion relieved the 49th Battalion in the front line system during the night of the 6/7th April. The relief was successfully completed by 1 a.m.

The 52nd Battalion took over from the 2/7th Battn. West Yorks, the Railway Line running from U.27.d.2.4 to U.28.c.5.3, and also pushed forward the Right Company, and took possession of the Railway Line from U.28.c.5.3 to C.4.b.8.6, establishing posts throughout this line. The relief was completed without mishap by midnight.

A Battalion of the 3rd Brigade relieved the Right Battalion line from C.24.d.7.8 to C.12. Central held by the 16th Battalion.

The relief was completed by 1 a.m.

The Railway Line is now held by us from C.6.c.3.3 to U.27.d.2.4, with posts at intervals.

Our artillery has been very active during the past 24 hours. BULLECOURT and RIENCOURT were shelled with good effect. The road in C.18.b also received attention. The shooting on the HINDENBURG LINE continues to be effective, and the wire is much damaged in U.28.b - U.30.a - U.29.a and b.

PATROLS. Touch was maintained between the Right and Left Battalions, and with the Battalions on our flanks at intervals throughout the night.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O and 4 men went out from C.5.d.2.8 at 12.30 a.m for about 300 yards. The ground in front was reconnoitred but nothing was seen or heard of the enemy, and they returned to C.5.d.9.5 at 1.30 a.m.

3 other patrols were sent out from the Right Battalion front, and all reported that the enemy was nowhere within 400 yards.

SNIPERS. Our snipers were active yesterday from their position on the Railway Cutting. They claim to have hit 11 of the enemy. Stretcher bearers were observed attempting to recover some of the bodies in C.4.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active throughout the day. At 10 a.m one of our planes and engaged and drove down 2 enemy planes in a damaged condition behind his own lines. 3 of our planes were brought down during the day.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy shelled our forward positions and supports throughout the day with H.E and Shrapnel. NOREUIL, ECOUST ST MEIN, and LONGATTE were heavily shelled. VAULX was lightly shelled at 5.30 p.m.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes, flying at a high altitude, were over our lines at intervals during the day. They were heavily engaged by our A.A Guns.

2 hostile balloons were up during the morning at 23 degrees and 23½ degrees magnetic from C.25.c.8.9. These balloons were taken down about mid-day. A balloon was observed at 53 degrees magnetic from C.29.a.4.2. This balloon was taken down about about 8 a.m on the 6th.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED. Carrying parties of about 6 or 8 of the enemy were seen at intervals during the day moving from about U.23.c.7.6 to U.18.c.5.7 and back. At 1.20 p.m and again at 2.15 p.m a limber lightly loaded and drawn by 2 horses moved from U.23.b.7.1. They were lost to sight at U.23.c.7.9. Small parties of the enemy were seen moving about the outskirts of RIENCOURT and along the road towards BULLECOURT.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 5th April to 8 a.m 6th April 1917.

OPERATIONS.

At 3 a.m the 15th Battalion advanced its left flank and formed a line of posts from C.18.d.1.8 to C.12.a.6.3. At 3.12 a.m 2 Companies of the 49th Battalion captured the Railway Line from C.5.a.0.5 to C.5 Central with little opposition from the enemy. At the same time the Right Company advanced its line to C.11.b.0.5 - C.12.a.6.3, and got into touch by patrols with the Company holding the Railway at C.6.c.4.3. Touch with the unit on our Right was maintained throughout the night. Our artillery has been active during the day and night shelling the roads N.E of the Railway Line. Our 'Heavies' have been actively engaged wire-cutting in front of the HINDENBURG LINE.

SNIPERS. Our snipers at C.4.d.3.6 engaged and silenced enemy snipers.

PATROLS. Communication between groups and with the Battn on our Right was maintained during the night. A patrol of 1 N.C.O and 4 men left our lines at C.4.d.2.5 at 10.30 p.m and proceeded down the ridge to C.4.b.5.6 where vacated snipers' posts were found. The patrol then moved in a S.E direction to road at C.5.a.5.1, and searched the ground in the vicinity. The patrol returned to C.4.d.7.3 at midnight.

AIRCRAFT. A considerable amount of activity was displayed by our aircraft yesterday. The planes at times flew very low over the enemy's lines.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy's artillery was very active during the greater part of the day. Areas C.26 and C.24 were fairly heavily shelled. The road in C.9.d was heavily shelled with 4.2's between 3 p.m and 3.30 p.m yesterday. All roads in the vicinity of NOREUIL were intermittently shelled.

MACHINE GUNS. A Machine Gun at about C.13.c.7.7 fired at our outpost positions.

PATROLS. A party of about 16 of the enemy were seen at C.12.b moving in the direction of QUEANT.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. The enemy could be seen working at his wire in front of QUEANT several times during the day. Our artillery dispersed them on 5 separate occasions.

AIRCRAFT. 4 hostile machines attempted to cross our lines at 6 p.m last night, but were driven back by our machines. 2 enemy planes were over our lines at 2.50 p.m.

EARTHWORKS. New earthworks are noticed in U.23.b.6.2 - 7.2 and 8.2.

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SUMMARY of INTELLIGENCE to 6 A.M. 12th. APRIL, 1917.
-----OPERATIONS:

During the night of the 11/12th. April, the 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved the 4th. and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes. in the Forward Area. The 45th. Bn. took over the Left Front Line Sector from U.27.d.2.5. to C.5.a.5.2. The relief was successfully completed by 11.20 p.m. The 52nd. Bn. took over the Right Front Line Sector from C.5.b.2.7. to C.5.b.6.7. thence C.12.d.3.8. The relief was completed by 8.35 p.m. The 13th. M.G. Coy. relieved the 4th. and 12th. M.G. Coy.

Our Heavy Artillery has been active throughout the day breaking up the enemy's wire entanglements. At 1 p.m. our 18 pdrs. shelled the enemy's position from U.28.a.5.3. to U.28.b.8.9. with H.E. The shells were placed well within the wire and line.

PATROLS:

Patrols kept up communication between Battalions and kept in touch with the units on our Right and Left at intervals throughout the night.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:

The enemy's artillery has been active throughout the day. NOREUIL and SUNKEN ROADS in C.10.b. and c. were intermittently shelled with 5.9 and 4.2. from N.E. direction. At 12.30 p.m. lachrymatory shells were fired into NOREUIL and again at intervals during the afternoon.

MACHINE GUNS:

Occasional bursts of machine gun fire were directed against our forward positions. At 3.20 p.m. machine gun was firing from about U.27.b.6.2.

SNIPERS:

Sniping was active yesterday from U.27.b.6.1. to U.28.a.1.1.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED:

Small parties of the enemy were observed moving behind RIENCOURT, & BULLECOURT during the whole of the day. Vehicles could be seen moving along the road in U.12.

AIRCRAFT:

Enemy planes were over our lines occasionally during the day. At 11.45 A.M. 5 machines came over flying at a great height.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 12th April to 8 a.m 13th April, 1917.OPERATIONS.

At noon our artillery opened up a lively bombardment on BULLECOURT. The shelling lasted for 5 minutes. RIENCOURT and HENDECOURT, and the enemy trenches and wire in U.27 - 28 - 29 - 30 were shelled throughout the day. At 4.5 p.m. a shell burst in enemy trench at U.29.a.2.7, and started a fire. A tank at about U.28.b.1.1 was hit and set on fire about 5 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS. The relief of the 6th Machine Gun Company by the 7th Machine Gun Company was completed at 10.25 p.m. 6 guns were relieved.

PATROLS. A patrol of 1 Officer and 3 men went out from C.5.b.6.4 at 8.30 p.m., and proceeded in a N.E. direction to U.30.c.5.7. At this point the patrol was fired upon by a Machine Gun and snipers from the N.E. A number of flares were thrown up from the Hindenburg Line, and from a point in advance of the trenches running south in front of QUEANT. During the patrol the enemy sent up 2 green flares, and one flare which burst into a number of golden stars. No apparent action resulted. A field gun was active upon the area over which the patrol worked. The patrol returned to our lines at 11.15 p.m.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 3 O/R's went out from C.5.b.6.4 at 8.30 p.m., and proceeded to U.29.b.7.1, where it was fired upon by a Machine Gun and snipers from about U.30.a.5.4. The patrol reports that the wire in front of the Hindenburg Line does not appear to be cut to any great extent. The patrol returned at 11.15 p.m. Both patrols report that the trenches appear to be strongly held.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 6 O/R's left our line at C.5.a.5.3 at 8.40 p.m., and proceeded along the Sunken Road as far as U.29.c.8.8. The party encountered a quantity of trip wire which practically runs along the whole front. The patrol came in contact with the main wire at about U.29.a.7.4. The wire at this point is in excellent condition. Bursts of Machine Gun fire were directed from about U.29.b.3.7. The patrol returned at midnight, and reported the line fairly strongly held.

Another patrol of 1 Officer and 4 O/R's left U.28.c.8.2, and went out to the enemy's wire at U.28.a.7.0, and followed it around to about U.27.d.9.8. The trench was manned, and a Listening post was located on Sunken Road at about U.28.a.8.1, and another in the wire at U.28.c.0.8, where men were heard talking. On 2 separate occasions members of the patrol tripped over a single wire, and in each case a flare was observed to go up. The patrol returned at 12.35 a.m.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery has been fairly quiet during the day. At 4.30 p.m. NOREUIL was lightly shelled. At 5.30 p.m. the front line was subjected to light shelling. A few shrapnel shells burst over the Sunken Road in C.10.c.

MACHINE GUNS. A hostile Machine Gun firing from the direction of RIENCOURT snipes at movement in rear of our lines.

AIRCRAFT. At 11.45 a.m. a hostile machine flew over our line, but was driven off by our A.A. Guns. At noon another plane flew over NOREUIL.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED. Small parties of the enemy were seen on several occasions throughout the day moving between BULLECOURT and RIENCOURT. About 50 of the enemy and transport were seen on road in U.12.c. They were dispersed by our artillery.

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ADVANCED GUARD -----4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISPOSITION REPORT - 8 a.m. 1st April, 1917.INFANTRY:

Advanced Guard Headquarters.....I.1.b.3.5.

51st BATTALION (Left Battalion)

Headquarters.....C.19.c.6.2.

Outpost Line.....Platoon.....C.15.c.8.8.

".....C.15.a.3.4.

".....C.14.b.4.8.

".....C.8.c.1.1.

Support to Outpost Line.....".....C.15.c.3.4.

".....C.14.d.3.7.

".....C.14.a.6.7.

".....C.14.a.3.6.

Company Headquarters.....C.20.b.3.2.

1 Company.....C.20.d.3.4.Support Companies.....1 Platoon.....C.19.b.3.5.

3 ".....B.24.d.7.8.

Company Headquarters.....C.19.b.3.5.

2 ".....B.24.d.7.8.

2 ".....B.24.d.4.5.

Company Headquarters.....B.24.d.7.8.

50th BATTALION (Centre Battalion)

Headquarters.....C.26.d.4.5.

Right Company.....Picquet.....C.17.d.15.30.

Group.....C.17.a.2.0.

".....C.17.d.0.8.

Picquet.....C.17.c.8.4.

Group.....C.17.c.9.7.

".....C.17.c.6.5.

Picquet.....C.17.c.2.4.

".....C.22.b.8.7.

".....C.22.a.9.6.

Company Headquarters.....C.17.c.95.20.

Left Company.....Picquet.....C.22.a.6.7.

Group.....C.15.d.9.0.

".....C.22.a.3.8.

Picquet.....C.21.b.9.7.

Group.....C.21.b.9.8.

".....C.15.d.7.1.

Picquet.....C.15.c.9.2.

Group.....C.21.b.4.9.

".....C.15.d.1.0.

".....C.15.d.0.2.

1 Platoon(Supt).....C.21.c.8.0.

Company Headquarters.....C.21.b.8.0.

2 Reserve Companies....Sunken Road from C.26.d.2.6 to
C.26.d.3.5.52nd BATTALION (Right Battalion)

Headquarters.....I.4.a.55.55.

Outpost Line.....Group.....C.24.d.8.6.

".....C.24.b.8.0.

".....C.24.b.6.3.

".....C.24.b.5.5.

".....C.24.b.4.7.

".....C.18.d.1.2.

Picquet.....C.24.d.9.4 t

C.24.b.1.2.

Company Headquarters.....C.24.b.4.0.

Group.....C.18.d.1.2.

".....C.18.c.3.4.

".....C.18.c.6.6.

".....C.18.c.3.

".....C.18.c.1.

".....C.17.d.8.

".....C.17.b.9.

Picquet.....C.24.b.7.6.
 ".....C.17.d.6.6.
 Company Headquarters.....C.23.b.7.7.
 Support Company.....C.24.c.2.1 to
 C.30.a.7.4.
 Company Headquarters.....C.29.c.1.9.
 Reserve Company.....C.22.d.7.1 to
 C.29.c.6.9.
 Company Headquarters.....C.29.a.5.1.

49th BATTALION (Support Battalion)
 Headquarters.....H.12.b.7.8.
 Trenches in H.12.b and I.7.a.

13th MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
 Headquarters.....I.3.a.4.2.
 Distribution of Guns:-

C.24.d.7.7. Right Battalion Area.
 C.24.b.25.65.)
 C.18.c.3.0.)Defence of LAGNICOURT.
 C.17.d.5.7.)
 C.29.a.40.35. In support for Right
 C.28.b.9.9. and Centre Battalions.
 C.16.d.55.05. Centre Battalion Area.
 C.22.b.10.40.)
 C.22.a.15.80.)Reserve for Centre or Left
 I.3.a.4.2.)at Company Headquarters.
 C.15.a.1.3. Left Battalion Area.
 C.15.a.17.25.)
 C.14.b.2.2.)Reserve for Left Battalion.
 I.3.a.4.2.)

13th LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.
 Headquarters.....H.12.b.9.4.

'C' Squadron, 13th AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE.
 Headquarters.....FAVREUIL...H.16.c.95.95.

1/2 Company, 13th 1st ANZAC CYCLIST CORPS.
 Headquarters.....BEUGNATRE..H.11.d.6.1.

13th FIELD AMBULANCE.
 Bearers - Sub-division.....I.1.a.5.2.

13th FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS (2Sections).
 Headquarters.....I.1.b.9.4.

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Brigade Major, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

April 5th, 1917.

DISPOSITION OF ADVANCED LINE OF RESISTANCE.

Advanced Guard Headquarters.....I.1.b.8.5.

49th BATTALION (Left Battalion)

HeadquartersC.10.c.7.9.
1 CompanyC.6.c.4.3 to
C.5 Central.
1 CompanyC.11.d.8.3 to
(with posts in frt)C.11.a.5.5.
1 CompanyC.11.a.5.5 to
(with posts in frt)C.5.c.2.2
1 CompanyC.4.d.8.3 to
(with posts in frt)C.4.d.3.8.

15th BATTALION (Right Battalion)

Headquarters	C.23.b.7.7.
Outpost Line	C.24.d.7.9.
	C.24.b.7.2.
	C.24.b.5.4.
	C.24.b.5.7.
	C.18.d.4.1.
	C.18.d.1.4.
Company Headquarters	C.24.b.3.1.
	C.18.b.15.80.
	C.18.a.8.1.
	C.18.a.7.3.
	C.18.a.4.6.
	C.18.a.2.8.
	C.18.a.1.0.
	C.11.d.9.2.
	C.11.d.7.4.
	C.11.d.5.5.
	C.11.d.5.7.
	C.11.d.2.8.
Company Headquarters	C.17.d.7.2.
Support Company Headquarters	C.17.d.7.3.
Reserve " "	C.30.a.2.9.

51st BATTALION.

Headquarters	C.10.c.1.2.
1½ Companies	C.9.d.
½ Company	C.16.a.
1 Company	C.20.d.2.5.
1 Company	C.19.b.3.5.

50th BATTALION.

Headquarters	C.29.a.4.2.
3 Platoons	C.29.a.5.1.
3 "	C.29.b.9.1.
2 "	C.21.c.8.2.

52nd BATTALION.

Headquarters	C.25.c.7.9.
2 Companies	C.25.c and d.
2 "	I.1.d.

13th MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Headquarters I.3.a.3.2.

Distribution of Guns:-

4th M.G.Coy...C.24.d.7.7.
C.24.b.25.65.
13th M.G.Coy...C.18.c.4.0.
C.17.d.5.7.
C.17.d.2.8.
C.11.c.75.65.
C.11.a.5.3.
C.10.b.0.3.
C.9.d.7.5.

13th A.L.T.M.B.

Sunken RoadC.25.b.

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'C' Squadron, 13th AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE.

Headquarters.....FAVREUIL...H.16.c.95.95.

1/2 Company, 1st ANZAC CYCLIST CORPS.

Headquarters.....BEUGNATRE..H.11.d.6.1.

13th FIELD AMBULANCE.

Bearers- Sub-division.....I.1.b.6.8.

13th FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS (2 Sections)

Headquarters.....I.1.b.9.4.

Major,

Brigade Major, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DISPOSITION REPORT.....10 a.m 7th April 1917.

Brigade HeadquartersI.1.b.8.5.

51st BATTALION (Right Battalion)

HeadquartersC.10.c.7.8.
1 CompanyC.6.c.3.3 to
C.5.d.2.8.
1 CompanyC.5. Central to
C.4.c.8.5.
1 Company (Support).....C.11.b.7.5 to
C.5.c.8.2.
1 Company (Support).....C.4.d.9.3 to
C.4. Central.

52nd BATTALION (Left Battalion)

HeadquartersC.9.d.9.7.
1 CompanyC.4.b.8.6 to
U.28.c.8.3.
HeadquartersC.4.c.2.4.
1 CompanyU.28.c.4.3 to
U.27.d.2.4.
HeadquartersC.3.b.4.5.
1 Company (Support).....C.4.c.4.0 to
C.4.a.4.2.
HeadquartersC.9.a.9.7.
1 Company (Reserve).....C.9.a.b.d.
HeadquartersC.10.c.0.4.

50th BATTALION (Right Support).

HeadquartersC.28.b.9.9.
2 Companies.....C.28.b.9.9.
1 CompanyC.23.b.3.8.
1 CompanyC.21.c.8.3.

49th BATTALION (Left Support).

HeadquartersC.19.c.,.2.
2 Companies.....C.24.d.
1 CompanyC.14.d.
1 CompanyC.20.d.

13th MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

HeadquartersI.3.a.3.1.
Guns at...C.17.a.2.8.
C.11.b.8.8.
C.11.b.65.60.
C.4.d.3.4.
C.4.d.25.35.
C.5.a.2.8.

13th LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY

HeadquartersC.25.c.3.9.

London
Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DISPOSITION REPORT.

12th April 1917

Brigade Headquarters.....C.10.c.8.2.

45th BATTALION (Left Battalion)

Headquarters.....C.9.d.5.9.
2 Companies holding Railway Line, with posts in fr.U.27.d.2.5 to
1 Company (support).....C.5.a.5.2.
C.10.a.6.0 to
1 Company (support).....C.10.a.3.7.
C.9.b.4.0 to
C.9.b.0.7.

52nd BATTALION (Right Battalion)

Headquarters.....C.10.c.7.9.
1 Company.....C.12.a.0.9. to
C.5.b.6.7.
1 Company.....C.5.b.6.7 to
C.5.b.2.7
1 Company.....C.12.a.0.9 to
C.12.d.3.8.
1 Platoon at..C.11.c.7.7.
1 Platoon.....C.4.d.5.3.
3 Platoons.....C.11.a.8.3.

51st Battalion (Left Support)

Headquarters.....C.10.c.1.3.
2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.9.d.9.3 to
C.9.b.2.5.
2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.9.a.9.6 to
C.3.c.3.1.

49th BATTALION (Right Support)

Headquarters.....C.16.a.4.5.
2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.16.b.
2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.16.a.

50th BATTALION (Reserve Battalion)

Headquarters.....C.26.d.59.55.
Battalion in Sunken Road.....C.26.d.

13th MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Headquarters.....C.15.b.5.0.
Distribution of Guns:-.....U.28.c.10.45.
U.28.c.6.4.
U.28.d.3.0.
C.3.d.8.4.
C.11.a.6.2.
C.11.a.55.30.
C.11.a.45.40.
C.11.a.4.5.
8 Reserve Guns...C.15.b.5.0.

6th MACHINE GUN COMPANY

8 Guns at.....C.5.d.9.5 to
C.5.d.1.9.
6 Guns at.....C.4.d.7.1 to
C.4.d.2.2.

13th A.L.T.M.B

Headquarters.....C.15.d.0.6

Major,

Bde Major, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISPOSITION REPORT.

April 13th, 1917.

Brigade Headquarters.....C.10.e.3.2.

45th BATTALION (Left Battalion) (H.Q. C.5.d.5.3)

Front Line held by 2 Companies.

Left Sector:- From U.27.d.2.5 to U.28.d.0.2, held by 15 posts with 3 Lewis Guns at approx. U.28.e.5.3 - U.27.d.9.3 U.27.d.3.4. Garrison 188. The posts are being connected to make a continuous line along the Railway Cutting. C.5.a.5.2

Right Sector:- From U.27.d.0.2 to U.27.d.2.5, held by 17 posts, and 4 Lewis Guns at approx. C.5.a.2.4 - C.4.d.8.6 - U.28.d.2.0 and U.28.d.9.1. Garrison 194. Each group is connecting with each other to form a continuous line.

1 Company (support) C.10.a.6.0 to C.10.a.3.7.

1 Company (support) C.9.b.4.0 to C.9.b.0.7.

52nd BATTALION (Right Battalion)

1 Company with posts at.....C.5.d.8.3.

M.G C.5.d.8.5.

C.5.d.85.65.

C.5.d.85.90.

M.G C.5.b.75.15.

M.G C.5.b.7.5.

M.G C.5.d.8.5.

1 Company with posts at.....C.5.b.8.6.

U.29.d.5.0.

U.29.d.2.0.

U.29.e.9.0.

C.5.a.8.61

4 Lewis Guns from C.5.b.8.6 to C.5.a.8.6.

C.5.b.1.6.

1 Company with posts at,.....C.12.d.0.8.

M.G C.12.c.9.9.

M.G C.12.b.05.05.

M.G C.12.a.9.3.

C.12.a.8.4.

C.12.a.65.55.

C.12.a.4.6.

C.11.b.85.75.

M.G C.6.c.0.0.

C.5.d.8.2.

1 Platoon.....C.11.c.7.7.

1 Platoon.....C.4.d.5.3.

3 Platoons.....C.11.a.8.3.

51st BATTALION (Left Support)

Headquarters.....C.10.e.1.3.

2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.9.d.9.3 to

C.9.b.2.5.

2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.9.a.9.6 to

C.3.e.3.1.

49th BATTALION (Right Battalion)

Headquarters.....C.16.a.4.5.

2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.16.b.

2 Companies in Sunken Road.....C.16.a.

50th BATTALION (Reserve Battalion)

Headquarters.....C.26.d.50.55.

1 Battalion.....(Sunken Road) C.26.d.

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13th MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

(C.11.e.65.90.
 Defending Right-Flank (C.11.a.50.35.
 from C.6. Central to (C.11.b.70.55.
 C.12.c. (C.11.b.80.70.

(C.5.d.70.65.
 7th M.G.Co. All guns (C.5.d.5.7.
 will all round field (C.5.a.2.4.
 of fire. (C.5.a.33.35.

7th M.G.Co. Field of (C.4.d.6.1.
 fire C.4 Cen.-C.5 Cen. (C.4.d.40.15.

Enfilade fire to left (U.28.d.3.0.
 " " " " right U.28.e.6.4.
 " " " " left U.28.c.1.4.

Support gun C.3.d.8.4.

Headquarters (6 reserve guns & 2 A.A. Guns) C.15.b.5.0.

13th ALTB.

Headquarters.....C.15.d.0.6.

Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

STRENGTH RETURN.

15th. April, 1917.

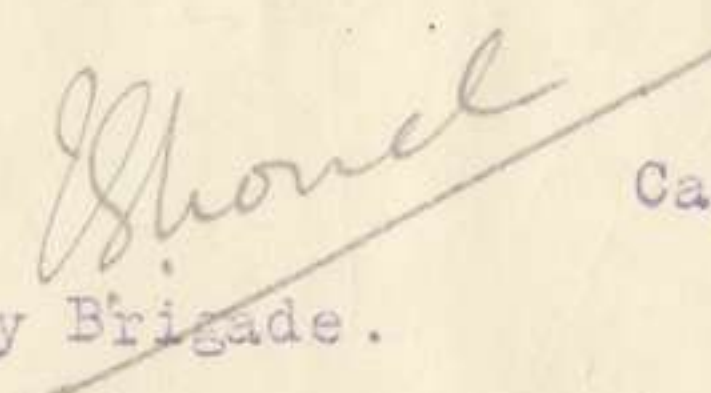
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Appendix No 11

UNIT : Doing duty with unit (on estab. as laid down in Pt VII War Estab.)	Attached by Arms as in War Estab.		Attached not provided for in War Estab.		On Detached Duty.		In Hospital Off. within 30 days. O/Ranks in Divisional Area.		Required to complete.		Over Estab lish-ment.		Dfts. un-trained & partially trnd inclu ded in total.	
	Offs.	O. R.	Offs.	O. R.	Off.	O. R.	Off.	O. R.	Off.	O. R.	Off.	O. R.	Off.	O. R.
Bde H.Q'rs.	3	17	1	4	4	38	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
49th. Bn.	27	714	1	1	-	5	4	80	7	153	-	19	1	-
50th. "	14	435	2	2	-	5	5	72	4	85	14	373	-	-
51st. "	24	627	2	1	-	5	5	120	2	49	6	170	-	-
52nd. "	23	661	2	-	-	5	5	75	5	154	4	77	-	-
M.G. Coy.	6	148	-	-	-	2	-	3	2	11	2	13	-	-
L.T.M.B.	3	46	-	-	-	8	1	5	-	5	-	-	-	18
TOTALS:-	100	2648	8	8	4	68	23	355	20	457	26	656	1	18

for G.O.C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.


 Captain,

Appendix No 11

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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 64.

Appendix No. 12

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Brigade Headquarters.

18th. April, 1917.

Reference Map 1/40.000.

1. The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. plus "A" Section, 13th. Field Ambulance, will move from BECOURT Area to BUIRE tomorrow 19th. instant.

2. Order of march and detail of move as under :-

Unit	Starting time	Starting Point	Remarks.
Bde. H.Q.'rs. & Signal Section)	:10.30 a.m.	CHARRED CROSS	Route via BECORDEL F.7.c.8.2 and MEAULTE.
52nd. Battalion	:10.33 a.m.	X.25.D.9.1.	
50th. "	:10.44 a.m.		Billeting Parties
49th. "	:11.05 a.m.		will report to
51st. "	:11.16 a.m.		TOWN MAJOR,
13th. M.G. Coy.	:11.27 a.m.		BERNANCOURT at
13th. A.L.T.M.B.	:11.33 a.m.		9 A.M. tomorrow
"A" Section, 13th :			19th. instant.
Field Ambulance:	11.36 a.m.		

3. Transport will march in rear of Units.

4. Movement 200 yards between Battalions, 100 yards between Companies and between transport and other Units will be maintained on the march.

5. Dress. One blanket and jerkin will be carried on the man.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Nicholson
Captain,
for Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 3 p.m.

Extra Copies to:-

- 13. - 13th. Field Ambulance.
- 14. - 27th. A.S.C.

SECRET.13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.

18th. April, 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No. 64.

1. BILLETTS. Units will move into Billets as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters)	
49th. Battalion.)	BUIRE.
50th. ")	
51st. ")	
52nd. ")	
13th. M. G. Coy.)	BERNANCOURT.
13th. L.T.M. Battery)	

2. TRANSPORT. Guide from each Unit will report to Bde. H.Q.'s. at 8 a.m. tomorrow to guide Train Transport to Units.

3. SUPPLIES. Rations will be drawn from Supply Dump, BUIRE, tomorrow 19th. instant after arrival of Units, and subsequent days at 2 p.m.

4. REAR PARTIES. Each Unit will leave behind a small party under an Officer to ensure that present Camps are left in a satisfactory state. These parties will not leave until a receipt has been obtained from the Town Major, BERCOURT, that the Camp is left in a sanitary condition, and that no equipment has been left behind.

5. MEDICAL. Ambulance Cars will follow in rear of the Column.

All "Marching Sick" must be sent to the 13th. Field Ambulance, BERICOURT FARM, by 8.30 A.M. tomorrow, 19th. instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain,

Staff Captain, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Copy to - 13th. Field Ambulance.
27th. A. S. C.